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FOR: METHOD FOR REDUCING SIGNALING IN AN TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK BY ARRANGING GATEKEEPERS IN A HIERARCHICAL STRUCTURE

## 37 CFR 1.322 & 37 CFR 1.323 REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION FOR USPTO MISTAKE

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SIR:

The following is a request for a certificate of correction in Serial Number 09/677.815, now Patent Number 6,983.329.

A certificate of correction under 35 USC 254 is respectfully requested in the above-identified patent.

All errors were the fault of the USPTO, no fee required. In the event that a further fee is required, please charge the amount to our Deposit Account No. 50-1379.

The exact locations where the errors appear in the patent and patent application are as follows:

In Column 4, Line 14, in Claim 3, delete "the gatekeepers" and insert - - a plurality of gatekeepers - -, therefor. (NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND FEES DUE (PTOL-85) DATED SEPTEMBER 15, 2005, UNDER "EXAMINER"S AMENDMENT", PAGE 2, LINE 9)

In Column 4, Line 50, in Claim 5, delete "wherein when the gatekeeper" and insert -- wherein when one of the plurality of gatekeepers --, therefor. (NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND FEES DUE (PTOL-85) DATED SEPTEMBER 15, 2005, UNDER "EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT", PAGE 2, LINES 10 & 11)

The requested corrections are attached on Form PTO 1050.

Respectfully Submitted

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

In Column 4, Line 14, in Claim 3, delete "the gatekeepers" and insert - - a plurality of gatekeepers - -, therefor.

In Column 4, Line 50, in Claim 5, delete "wherein when the gatekeeper" and insert - - wherein when one of the plurality of gatekeepers - -, therefor.

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